



# STAMP & TONGS



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## POSTAL FORGERIES ABOUND

By Arthur P. von Reyn

According to an article by Jay Bigalke in the August 16, 2021, issue of *Linn's Stamp News*, forgeries of U.S. postage stamps are on the increase.

Because these forgeries target the U.S. Postal Service instead of stamp collectors, they are known in the philatelic world as "postal forgeries."

The first known forgery of a U.S. commemorative stamp surfaced this year; the Drug Free USA stamp issued October 27, 2020. Its simplistic design no doubt made it an easy target for forgers. Postal forgeries are more often of stamps that are produced in huge quantities, such as the ubiquitous Flag issues, Love stamps and sometimes double-sided booklet panes.

These days, the postal forgeries are sold

at a discount to their face value on various internet websites, often at auction. As soon as a seller is shut down, another pops up, Bigalke reported.

Acquiring examples of postal forgeries has become a specialty unto itself for some stamp collectors. *The Scott Specialized Catalogue of U.S. Stamps and Covers* has an ever increasing section of pages documenting the various postal forgeries. For the 2021 edition of the catalogue, Bigalke

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For the first time, a postal forgery of a U.S. commemorative has surfaced. The stamp at left is genuine; the one at right is a forgery.

## VACUUMED JENNY BRINGS \$218,300

By Arthur P. von Reyn

A 1918 24¢ Inverted Jenny that was damaged after being sucked up by a maid's vacuum cleaner nonetheless sold for \$218,300, including an 18% buyer's premium, during a July 21 Robert A. Siegel auction in New York City.

The stamp, position 78 in the original pane of 100 stamps, was acquired in 1985 by Robert E. Zoellner for \$88,000 to become a key element of a complete U.S.



This Inverted Jenny was restored after falling victim to a vacuum cleaner.

stamp collection with major Scott numbers.

According to Siegel's lot descriptions, "During his [Zoellner's] ownership, the Jenny came out of a defective mount in his *Scott Platinum* album, fell onto the floor and was sucked up in a vacuum cleaner. Luckily, Mr. Zoellner realized what had happened and the stamp was recovered from the vacuum bag."

The stamp was expertly repaired, restoring its appearance and was sold in 1990 for \$39,600, a considerable loss. Zoellner replaced the stamp in 1992 with a sound and extremely fine position 58 that cost him \$143,000. That copy was sold for \$192,500 six years later, making up for some of Zoellner's loss. However, it realized \$1,351,250 in a Siegel at World Stamp Show-NY 2016—a world-record price at the time.

A 2009 Philatelic Foundation certificate describes the vacuumed position 78 as "genuine, previously hinged, with creases and repaired tears."

### FOR FURTHER READING:

[https://siegelauctions.com/lots.php?year=2021&sale\\_no=1240&page\\_no=34](https://siegelauctions.com/lots.php?year=2021&sale_no=1240&page_no=34)

<https://invertedjenny.com/position/78>

### MASKS REQUIRED AT EDGEMERE

Masks are now required for attendees at the DPCPS meetings at the Edgemere Retirement Center who are not residents of the facility. This is regardless of vaccination status for Covid-19. Those who are sick and/or have a temperature should stay home and instead join the meeting on the Internet simulcast.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

DPCPS meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays January through October and on the second Wednesday in November and December, at the Edgemere Retirement Community, 8523 Thackery Street in Dallas, Texas. Call to order is 7:30 p.m., but most members arrive by 7:00 p.m. for socializing and trading. Meetings are also simulcast on the internet beginning at 7:25 p.m.

- September 8** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Postal History of the Canal Zone* by Rick Hosler.
- September 17-19** **GREATER HOUSTON STAMP SHOW**, Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Rd., Humble, TX 76051 (Friday and Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-4). <http://houstonstampclub.org>.
- September 22** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Wernher von Braun* by Ray Cartier.
- October 13** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Shakespeare Stamps and Stories* by Dan Moss (Professor of English Literature at SMU).
- October 27** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *to be announced*.
- November 10** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *to be announced*.
- November 12-13** **MID-CITIES STAMP CLUB EXPO**, Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 Main St., Grapevine, TX 76051. (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4). <http://www.mid-citiesstampclub.com/index.htm>
- December 8** **DPCPS MEETING**, Annual Dinner at the Edgemere.

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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY STAN BARTNIKOWSKI



Now that we are back at the Edgemere, we have been able to distribute and auction Jack's albums in a group setting. Thanks to Art von Reyn, we've been able to include in our meetings, via Zoom, our remote members such as Jim Colliton, Steven McRae and others who are not able to attend in person. Our first live quarterly auction since the return to Edgemere was a resounding success, even though the suggested entry procedures were not all followed.

I had a very interesting chat with Ray Cartier at Moon Day, at the Frontiers of Flight Air and Space Museum. He was showing covers signed by each of the astronauts of the Apollo missions. He is also a friend of Wally Funk, the woman astronaut trained 60 years ago, who finally went to space with Jeff Bezos. Ray plans a presentation to the club in September about Wernher von Braun.

I hope you enjoyed my presentation on Poland Joint Issues Part I. I am working on Part II, but that may take awhile; there are a lot of Polish joint issues since 1999.

This will be my final year as your president. It's been a challenging two years, especially with the pandemic. In addition, Ben Schkolne will be rolling off as a director. Many thanks for his service. The nomination committee consisting of Rod Gabel, Geoff Owens and myself are seeking candidates for officers and directors for 2022. If you are interested, please contact myself or Rod or Geoff.

Stay happy, safe, and healthy. Enjoy your stamps!!

# EDITOR'S MUSINGS

BY ARTHUR VON REYN



Although our physical meetings returned in mid-June, the DPCPS continues to offer the option of joining our regular club meetings online via Zoom. Four or five members regularly take advantage of attending in this manner, some of whom now live well out of the DFW area.

Initially, your club officers thought online meeting simulcasts would be just a temporary measure due to Covid-19, but it's become increasingly apparent that the club should explore making the online viewing option permanent and the experience as close as possible to attending in person. In addition, having an continuing online capability would allow us to invite guest speakers to meetings who are not able to attend in person.

This will require purchase of some equipment to deliver what is now an obviously makeshift simulcast with frequent hiccups. Technical improvements will be on the agenda for the October board of directors meeting.

On another subject, using old mint postage is an excellent way to save money. However, I try to never use old postage on mailings to philatelic correspondents. I figure they aren't going to find any use in their collections for old stamps they might have numerous duplicates of. Instead I use current "forever" commemoratives, which are difficult to come by used. Save that old mint postage for non-collector mail and impress your collector friends by giving them something collectible!

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Advice for Presenters

Over the nine or ten years that I have been a member of the club I have enjoyed many presentations on various stamp-related subjects delivered by many of our members. I always learn new things and having done a number of presentations myself I very much appreciate the research and effort that goes into these programs.

During my working career I made many presentations to clients, prospective clients, and others. For folks in positions like mine the company invested in training us in professional presentation techniques.

With that background I offer up the following tips to help those of you thinking about future presentations to be more impactful and avoid some common mistakes.

1. Use the microphone! Some people are blessed with voices that project well, most of us are not. If the people in the back of the room can't hear what you're saying then you might as well not be speaking.

2. If you're using slides, do not turn

your back on the audience and read off your slides. Either read off the laptop or tablet or use notes, but face the audience. (It's okay to take a quick glance to make sure the slide you are talking about is actually being displayed.)

3. If you're using slides and have text on the slides make sure the audience can read it. As a rule of thumb this means a minimum font size of 24 points. Tiny text that no one can read is, well, useless.

4. Following on to Tip #3, the slides don't need text for everything you say. Text on slides should be brief and highlight significant points. Your commentary should fill in the blanks and provide the details.

5. Practice in advance. This doesn't necessarily mean the classic technique of practicing in front of a mirror. For myself I find that mentally rehearsing a presentation a few times works fine. Some people may find having a few note cards to be helpful. Whatever works for you is fine. You just

don't want to be caught live in front of the audience trying to remember what it was you wanted to say.

6. You don't need slides to make an interesting presentation. Just make sure you have an example(s) of whatever it is you are talking about. For instance, if you're talking about the post horn stamps of Norway bring some of said stamps to pass around!

One of the most fascinating things about philately is that everybody has different interests and collects in their own way. This provides for endless opportunities for members to present on topics other members may never have thought of before but will find interesting.

I encourage all members to make at least one presentation every year or two. With some basic attention to technique you'll be sure to have an appreciative audience. And I can guarantee that you know something, or several somethings, that nobody else in the club knows.

Geoff Owens

Immediate Past President, DPCPS

## U.S. POSTAL RATE COMPARISON 2018-2021 (SELECTED PRODUCTS)

STAMPS ARE/WERE AVAILABLE FOR ITEMS HIGHLIGHTED IN RED

Product	8/29/2021	1/24/2021	1/26/2020	1/27/2019	1/21/2018
Letters (1 oz.)	.58	.55	.55	.55	.50
Letters, additional ounces	.20	.20	.15	.15	.21
Letters (metered 1 oz.)	.53	.51	.50	.50	.47
International Letters(1 oz.)/Postcards	1.30	1.20	1.20	1.15	1.15
Domestic Postcards	.40	.36	.35	.35	.35
Flats (1 oz.)	1.16	1.00	1.00	1.10	1.00
Non-Machinable Letter Surcharge <sup>1</sup>	+.30	+.20	+.15	+.21	+.21
Small Flat-Rate Box	8.45	8.45	8.30	7.90	7.20
Medium Flat-Rate Box	15.50	15.50	15.05	14.35	13.65
Large Flat-Rate Box	21.90	21.90	21.10	19.95	18.90
APO/FPO Large Flat-Rate Box	20.40	20.40	19.60	18.45	17.40
Regular Flat-Rate Envelope	7.95	7.95	7.75	7.35	6.70
Legal Flat-Rate Envelope	8.25	8.25	8.05	7.65	7.00
Padded Flat-Rate Envelope	8.55	8.55	8.40	8.00	7.25
Priority Mail Express Flat Rate Envelope	26.35	26.35	26.35	25.50	24.70
Media Mail (1 lb.)	3.19	2.89	2.80	2.75	2.66
First-Class Package (1-3 oz.) <sup>2</sup>	4.00-4.40	4.00-4.40	3.80-4.20	3.66-4.06	3.50
First-Class Package (4 oz.) <sup>2</sup>	4.00-4.40	4.00-4.40	3.80-4.20	3.66-4.06	2.50
First-Class Package (5-8 oz.) <sup>2</sup>	4.80-5.20	4.80-5.20	4.60-5.00	4.39-4.81	3.75
First-Class Package (9-12 oz.) <sup>2</sup>	5.50-5.95	5.50-5.95	5.30-5.75	5.19-5.66	4.10-5.15 <sup>3</sup>
First-Class Package (13 oz.) <sup>2</sup>	6.10-6.70	6.10-6.70	5.90-6.50	5.71-6.27	5.50
Insurance \$0 - \$50 (no charge with Priority Mail)	+2.45	+2.30	+2.25	+2.20	+2.10
Insurance \$50.01-\$100.00)	+3.15	+2.95	+2.85	+2.80	+2.70
Insurance \$100.01-\$200.00)	+3.85	+3.60	+3.55	+3.50	+3.40
Certified	+3.75	+3.60	+3.55	+3.50	+3.45
Registered (basic, no valuation)	+13.75	+12.90	+12.60	+12.40	+11.90

<sup>1</sup>Add letter rate and surcharge to obtain the value of stamp issued to meet this rate.

<sup>2</sup>Zone based beginning 1/27/2019

<sup>3</sup>Per ounce price range



# USPS 50TH ANNIVERSARY POSTMARK AVAILABLE

By Arthur P. von Reyn

In the last newsletter, I noted that the U.S. Postal Service was offering a generic 50th anniversary pictorial postmark to any post office requesting it. It is the only type of postmark the USPS is allowing for the occasion; local designs are prohibited.

So far, only three post offices have been interested, with the July 29, 2021 edition of the *Postal Bulletin* illustrating two, one being for Washington, D.C. that's dated July 1, 2021, 50 years to the day the USPS officially debuted.

The Washington postmark was likely not available on July 1 to the public, meaning any covers bearing it are probably backdated. I sent in two old First Day covers with the 1971 USPS inauguration stamp (Scott #1396) for the cancel, having added new "forever" stamps, but have not received them back.

Postmarks are usually obtainable 30 days after the cancellation date, but due to the belated announcement of this postmark, the Washington's availability has been extended 60 days to September 30.

The address for obtaining this cancel is:

*United States Postal Service  
Washington, DC Station  
Philatelic Clerk  
2 Massachusetts Avenue NE  
Washington, DC 20002-9997*

The other postmark listed in the July 29 *Postal Bulletin* was for Miami, AZ with a date of August 12, 2021. I ordered one

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said "...there are dozens of new listings. I anticipate the same for the new 2022 edition this October."

Bigalke also reported that unsuspecting, frequent buyers of postal forgeries "are often looking for a deal on postage." He noted that "many counterfeit stamps I have found are on mail sent by coin dealers, many of whom use discount postage when sending their mail."

*Editor's Note: The caption in Linn's print and internet articles misidentified which pictured stamp is genuine and which one is fake!*

### FOR FURTHER READING:

<https://www.linns.com/news/us-stamps-postal-history/counterfeiters-hit-the-u.s.-commemorative-stamp-program>



Miami, Arizona, is one of three post offices so far that have requested a pictorial cancel for the U.S. Postal Service's 50th anniversary. The USPS gave away millions of cachets for its inauguration back in 1971, with blank ones still available on eBay and other internet websites.

with the cancel to be applied to a blank cachet the USPS gave away in the millions back in 1971. This one came back promptly, and is pictured above.

The *Postal Bulletin* is published bi-weekly, and the August 12 edition pictured a cancel from Singers Glen, VA, also with the August 12 date. I ordered it also.

For both these cancels, I used blank cachets from 1971 that I had ordered from an eBay seller.

There were no entries in the pictorial postmark section of August 26 edition for any further USPS 50th anniversary postmarks, so it's beginning to appear my collection of USPS 50th anniversary cachets is going to be quite limited.

Those having read my article *Worker Strike Spurred Creation Of USPS* in the May-June 2021 edition of this newsletter are aware that the USPS made available inauguration cachets to every one of its almost 32,000 post offices. This was in conjunction with the issuance of the aforementioned Scott #1396, which had a nationwide first day of issue. The USPS hoped customers would add the stamp to the cachet that was given away, one to a customer. Theoretically, there could be around 32,000 different postmarks applied to the cachets with a July 1, 1971 date.

Collectors having or who can obtain any old USPS inauguration cachets, either blank or with a Washington first day, might consider using them to create a 50th anniversary commemorative item.

It's possible more cancels might sporadically appear until the end of the year. The *Postal Bulletin* is available on the internet, with special cancellations being listed in the "Pictorial Postmarks" section. Those wishing to order postmarks from other than Washington can check the "Pictorial Postmarks" section of *Postal Bulletins* on the internet, or if you don't have internet access, contact me and I will be happy to provide mailing addresses for whatever further postmarks appear

### FOR FURTHER READING:

<https://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2021/pb22577/pb22577.pdf>  
<https://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2021/pb22578/pb22578.pdf>

## 2021 U.S. NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

This is a list of U.S. new issues expected to debut in the next few months. Items are forever stamps with the current value in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted. The complete 2021 U.S. stamp program can be found on the [dallasstamps.org](https://dallasstamps.org) website.

- 9/9/2021 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** (58¢) commemorative stamp. Toast, NC 27049.
- 9/24/2021 **MESSAGE MONSTERS** (58¢) commemorative stamp. Topeka, KS 66603.
- 9/30/2021 **DAY OF THE DEAD** (58¢) commemorative stamp. El Paso, TX 79910.
- 10/7/2021 **SAINT NICHOLAS VISIT** (58¢) booklet stamps, four designs. Santa Claus, IN 47579.
- 10/12/2021 **OTTERS IN SNOW** (58¢) booklet stamps, four designs. Otter, MT 59062.



# CENSUS OF APS MEMBERSHIP IN DALLAS AREA

By Arthur P. von Reyn

For our club's upcoming promotional mailing, we received mailing labels for 192 APS members who live in the ZIP codes 750, 751, 752, 753. Those ZIPs represent Dallas and its suburbs.

The mailing list provided an interesting census of where APS members live in the area (or have post office boxes). Note that there are probably a few more APS members in the area than represented by the labels we received since the APS allows members to opt out of sharing their data.

Of the names we received, there were 10 female; all the rest were male.

There were nine doctors; apparently collecting is more popular with them than the general population. Only 1.2% of the U.S. population has a doctorate degree, but 4.7% of those on the list had a "Dr." title.

It's no surprise that the majority of collectors are concentrated in the north half of Dallas County and northern suburbs that stretch into Collin and Denton counties. The accompanying table shows the breakdown of collectors by municipality and county.

The southern half of Dallas County was almost devoid of APS member collectors, with a few identified as living in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas and several in DeSoto.

By county, the totals were:

Dallas	118
Collin	61
Denton	9
Rockwall	4

The APS website cites *Linn's Stamp News* as estimating there are five million stamp collectors in the United States. Since the four counties in the chart account

for 1.45 percent of the 2021 estimated total U.S. population of 331, 449,281, that percentage applied to *Linn's* five million yields about 72,500 collectors in the Dallas area, a number that appears highly inflated. If that number is to be believed, I would doubt that even five or 10 percent of the 72,500 actually spend time with their collection or accumulation on any regular basis! That would work out to 3,625 or 7,250 "serious" collectors.

## FOR FURTHER READING

<https://stamps.org/collect/stamp-collecting>

<https://worldpopulationreview.com/us-counties/states/tx>

<https://worldpopulationreview.com/states>

<https://cheekyscientist.com/phd-gives-you-an-edge-at-a-job-interview/>

## BEWARE OF POSTAL CARD "ERRORS"

By Arthur P. von Reyn

The *Specialized Catalogue of U.S. Stamps and Covers* warns "Since 1875 it has been possible to purchase some postal cards in [uncut press] sheets for multiple printing, hence pairs, strips and blocks are available. Some sheets have been cut up so that cards exist with the stamp [imprint] inverted, in the center of the card, two on one card, in another corner, etc. These are only curiosities and of minimal value."

As only the *Scott Specialized* lists U.S. postal cards; collectors who use just Volume 1 of the *Scott Standard Postage*

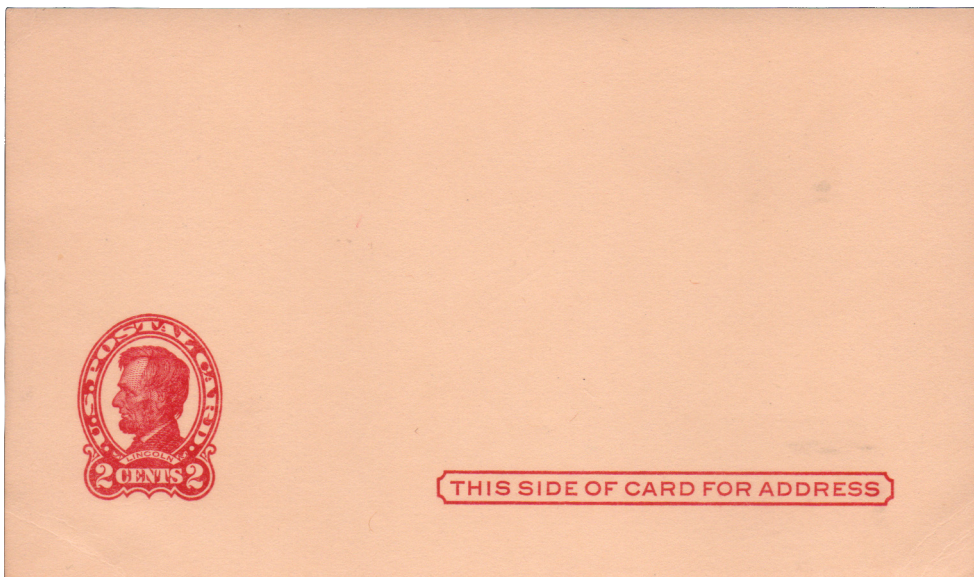
*Stamp Catalogue* may be unaware of this fact.

Uncut press sheets, typically of 40 cards, were sold primarily to business so they could print messages on the backside, usually advertising.

Items cut from press sheets are often marketed on eBay and other internet sites as "miscut" or "errors" at substantially marked up prices.

The only provable "government" miscut postcards would be ones never offered in press sheet form, such as for most commemorative postal cards.

APS Members Living in ZIP Codes 750, 751, 752, 753		
City	County	#
Addison	Dallas	2
Allen	Collin	8
Carrollton	Dallas*	7
Coppell	Dallas*	2
Dallas	Dallas*	72
Desoto	Dallas	3
Fairview	Collin	1
Farmers Branch	Dallas	3
Flower Mound	Denton	4
Frisco	Collin	9
Garland	Dallas	6
Highland Village	Denton	1
Irving	Dallas	3
Lavon	Collin	1
Lewisville	Denton	3
McKinney	Collin	9
Mesquite	Dallas	4
Parker	Collin	1
Plano	Collin	25
Prosper	Collin	3
Richardson	Dallas	12
Rockwall	Rockwall	4
Rowlett	Dallas	4
The Colony	Denton	1
Wylie	Collin	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>192</b>
*Portions of these cities extend into other counties		



This is not a government error, but rather a postal card (Scott #UX43) that was produced by a private individual or stamp dealer who took a press sheet of postal cards and cut it up incorrectly.



# THE NATIONAL PARK THAT NEVER EXISTED

By Arthur von Reyn

Paul Witthoef, knowing that I have a collection of 1936 Texas Centennial philatelic items, gave me early this year some related poster stamps. What appeared to be a block of four se-tenant stamps with another four different stamps stuck to the back side turned out to be, once I had soaked it and pieced it back together, a full pane of 12 se-tenant stamps that had been folded twice. Unfortunately two of the stamps had been severely damaged and were missing pieces, possibly from someone attempting to peel the stamps apart.

A number of poster stamps were produced for the centennial. Some are panes with all the same design. Two others I know of use the all different se-tenant design format like the one Paul gave me.

While most of the stamps in Paul's pane have subject matter relating to either the Texas Centennial, Texas symbols or popular tourist destinations in various parts of the state, there is one oddball, a single that promotes the Davis Mountain National Park. It depicts an auto headed towards some towering mountains, the likes of which I have never seen in Texas.

At the time these poster stamps were printed, possibly as early as 1935, there were no national parks in Texas. In doing some research, I discovered no evidence of any campaign to create a national park in the Davis Mountains, which is a unique island of mountains in the Trans-Pecos desert region, located midway between the two national parks that were eventually created in West Texas—Big Bend and Guadalupe.

Could it be the designer was confused with a campaign then underway to create the Big Bend National Park, which was finally established in 1939?

Having been to very little of extreme West Texas until recently, I was intrigued enough to investigate. It turns out that in 1923 the Texas State Legislature directed the State Parks Board to investigate the Davis Mountains as a potential tourist attraction.

What came about 10 years later was the Davis Mountains State Park, located on 560 acres of land largely donated by a few local landowners devastated by the Great Depression. Facilities for the park were one of the earliest projects for the Texas Civilians Conservation Corps.

Built between 1933 and 1935, the improvements included stone picnic tables, fireplaces, steps, a five-mile scenic drive and the Indian Lodge. The park was opened to the public around 1938.

The adobe Indian Lodge is the park's most distinctive feature. Originally having 16 rooms, it was expanded by 24 more in 1967, along with the addition of a restaurant, meeting facility, and swimming pool. The size of the park has increased over the years, now exceeding 2,700 acres of semi-arid land with elevations ranging from 4,900 to 6,000 feet. There are about 10 miles of hiking trails, including some that connect to the Fort



Visitors expecting to see the majestic Davis Mountains depicted on this poster stamp are in for some disappointment.

Davis National Historical Site, a partially restored frontier fort abandoned in 1891.

Construction of that army post was ordered in 1854 by U.S. Secretary of War Jefferson Davis, for whom the mountains were also named. The deteriorating fort was declared National Historic Site in 1961 and opened to the public two years later.

The state park area encompasses what could better be described as the foothills of the Davis Mountains. Northwest of the park is Mount Livermore, the fifth tallest in Texas at 8,383 feet. Much of the Davis Mountains remains ranchland,

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This is a reconstructed pane of Texas Centennial era poster stamps. A number of poster stamps were created for use during the 1936 Texas Centennial, including a couple that had se-tenant designs like this one. Collectors often used poster stamps to prepare cachets commemorating various events.



# CLUB MEETING MINUTES

BY RICK HOSLER

*Editor's Note: Meetings are again held at the Edgemere, but are also simulcast on the internet using the Zoom application. Minutes are edited due to space considerations.*

## July 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Stan Bartnikowski, President, and presiding. 20 members, including four online, were present.

### Officer Reports:

**Secretary** – Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without being read.

**Treasurer** – Treasurer's report made and sent under separate cover.

**Program VP** – July through August meeting schedule:

**July 28** - *Philatelic Subjects Related to the Letter R*, by various presenters.

**August 11** - Quarterly Auction.

**August 25** - *APS Great American Stamp Show* by Art von Reyn.

**Editor/Website** – Newsletter was sent out; the deadline of classified ads for the next newsletter is August 5.

**Membership** – There are 40 members.

**Exhibitor's Report** – None.

**Old Business/New Business** – None.

**Announcements** – None.

**Trivia/Show & Tell** – Don Wolman commented on the contribution by his son stationed in Qatar to his program at the June 23 meeting. Stan Bartnikowski showed a Polish cover from a German officer serving in Ostland (the Nazi occupied Baltic republics and Belarus).

**Door Prizes Drawing** – Art von Reyn won a circulating stamp book and a Michel booklet catalogue.

**Program** – Stan Bartnikowski's program *Joint Issues of Poland—Part 1*, featured various joint issues from 1955 to 1989. Until the fall of communism in 1989, most issues were with Warsaw Pact countries and often had space themes and twin designs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. after the distribution of Jack's Albums.

## July 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Stan Bartnikowski, President, and presiding. 18 members, including four online, were present.

### Officer Reports:

**Secretary** – Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without being read.

**Treasurer** – No report due.

**Program VP** - August meeting schedule:

**August 11** - Quarterly Auction.

**August 25** - *APS Great American Stamp Show* by Art von Reyn.

**Editor/Website** – The deadline for ads in the next newsletter is August 5.

**Membership** – There are 40 members.

**Exhibitor's Report** – None.

**Old Business/New Business** – None.

**Announcements** – Postage rates go up August 29, including 58¢ for first class letters.

**Trivia/Show & Tell** – none.

**Door Prize Drawing** – Geoff Owens won a \$10 gift certificate good for purchases from Jack Urish's albums. Rick Hosler took home a first day cover collection.

**Program** – *Philatelic Subjects Related to the Letter R* began with Art von Reyn's discussion of non-Scott listed railway stamps, mainly from England and Denmark, but also from Hawaii. Bill Laupus followed with a discussion of the Scott listed railway stamps from Belgium, noting both the post office and the railways canceled them, with the former being more scarce. Don Wolman had a philatelic history of rockets and early space explorations feats. George Clayton offered stamps and covers feting Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidency.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. after a small auction of items from the late Stanley Sutkin's collection and the distribution of Jack's Albums.

## August 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Stan Bartnikowski, President, and presiding. 17 members, including four online, were present.

### Officer Reports:

**Secretary** – Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without being read.

**Treasurer** – Treasurer's report made and sent under separate cover.

**Program VP** – August to September meeting schedule:

**August 25** - *APS Great American Stamp Show* by Art von Reyn.

**September 8** - *Philatelic Subjects Related to the Letter S* by various members.

**September 22** - To be determined.

**Editor/Website** – Not present.

**Membership** – There are still 40 members.

**Exhibitor's Report** – No report.

**Old Business/New Business** – None.

**Announcements** - Stan Bartnikowski reported that the nominating committee for 2022 officers includes Stan Bartnikowski, Rod Gabel and Geoff Owens. Stan will not run for president next year. Don Wolman stated name tags are available for new members.

**Door Prize Drawing** – none.

**Trivia/Show & Tell** – none.

**Program** – The quarterly auction was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. after the distribution of Jack's Albums.

## August 25, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Stan Bartnikowski, President, and presiding. 14 members, including three online, were present.

### Officer Reports:

**Secretary** – Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without being read.

**Treasurer** – No report due.

**Program VP** - September and October meeting schedule:

**September 8** - *Postal History of the Canal Zone* by Rick Hosler.

**September 22** - *Wernher von Braun* by Ray Cartier.

**October 13** - *Postal issues relating to Santiago, Chile and Shakespeare* by Don Wolman and Dan Moss.

**Editor/Website** – A newsletter will be out before the next meeting. The website is being updated frequently.

**Membership** – There are 40 members.

**Exhibitor's Report** – Up to 15 single page exhibits are needed for the upcoming Mid-Cities Stamp Expo.

**Announcements** – none.

**Old Business** - Art von Reyn circulated for comment the proposed membership recruitment mailing pieces.

**New Business** – none.

**Trivia/Show & Tell** – Jack Urish passed around a letter from a soldier in Eritrea to girlfriend in Milan, Italy. Stan shared a rocket mail cover flown by the Reaction Research Society, an amateur experimental rocket group in California.

**Door Prize** – Rod Gabel won a \$10 gift certificate good for purchases from Jack Urish's albums or Stuart Barzune's stamps.

**Auction** – Donated items and Jack's Albums remainders were sold.

**Program** – Art von Reyn's *Philatelic Tour of America's National Monuments* included stamps and photos relating to about 24 of the 129 such monuments scattered across the nation, ranging from the well-known Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor to the obscure Military Working Dogs in San Antonio.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. after the distribution of Jack's Albums.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

One classified ad of up to 50 words, not counting name and address information, is available to members per issue on a space available basis. Submissions should arrive no later than the fifth of the month preceding the issue date. Ads run for two consecutive issues, unless canceled before then. Submissions can be emailed to [apvr@msn.com](mailto:apvr@msn.com) or mailed to 10512 Countess Dr., Dallas, TX 75229-5103.

### WANTED

POSTALLY USED GERMAN SEMI-POSTAL singles [without favor or first day cancels] from 1938 to present. Arthur P. von Reyn, [apvr@msn.com](mailto:apvr@msn.com), (214) 956-6840.

# THE NATIONAL PARK THAT NEVER EXISTED

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but the Nature Conservancy has obtained 33,075 acres for Davis Mountains Preserve, and owns other land and conservation easements that exceed 110,000 acres. While the Trans-Pecos is true desert habitat, this Nature Conservancy [reservations are required to hike the Conservancy] part of the Davis Mountains is temperate and forested—an anomaly in an arid land.

Other attractions in the immediate area include the McDonald Observatory [currently operating with very limited visitor hours], the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center and the Scenic Loop Drive, a 75-mile loop drive through the Davis

Mountains, beginning and ending in town of Fort Davis.

## FOR FURTHER READING

<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/davis-mountains-state-park>

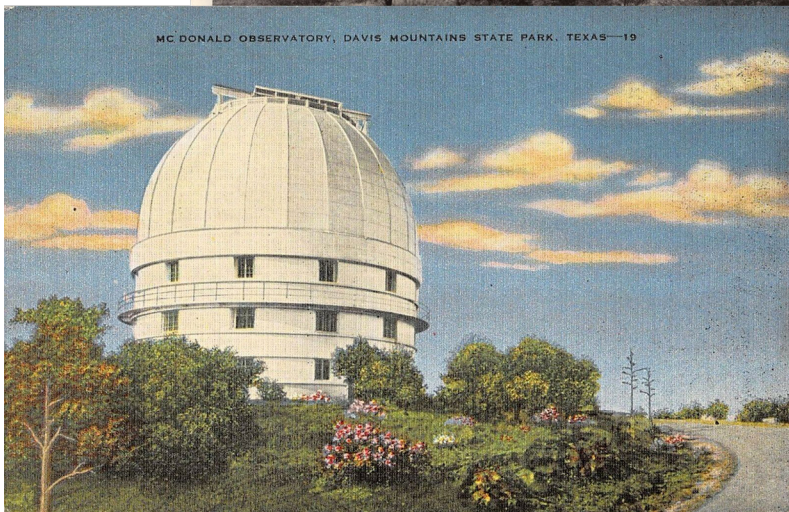
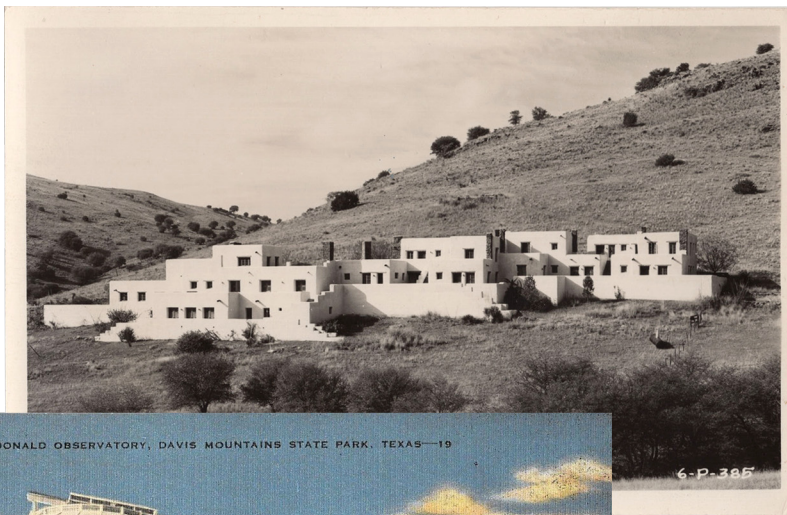
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<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/davis-mountains>

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/places-we-protect/davis-mountains-preserve/>

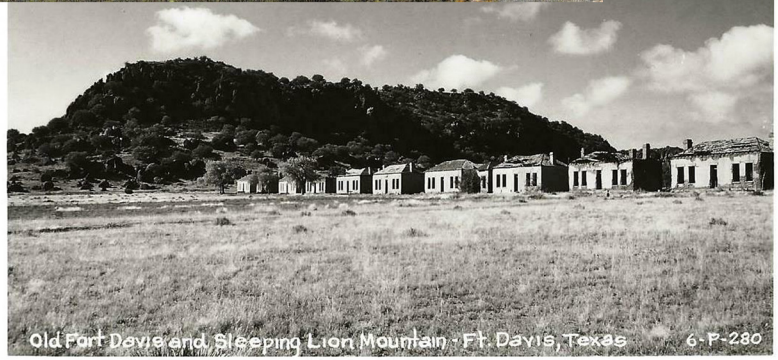
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort\\_Davis,\\_Texas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Davis,_Texas)

This 1930s photo postcard shows a view of what was then the newly constructed Indian Lodge at the Davis Mountain State Park. ▶



◀ The University of Texas operates the McDonald Observatory in the Davis Mountains. This 1950s postcard depicts the telescope dedicated in 1939.

Evident on this 1950s photo postcard is the deteriorated state of Officer's Row at Fort Davis National Historical Site before restoration efforts began. ▶



# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BY RICK HOSLER

*Editor's Note: Minutes of meetings are edited due to space considerations.*

**July 7, 2021**

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Stan Bartnikowski presiding. Eleven members present: Stan Bartnikowski, Joe Baker, Stuart Barzune, Rod Gabel, Rick Hosler, Bill Laopus, Geoff Owens, Ben Schkolne, Jack Urish, Art von Reyn and Paul Witthoef.

**New Business:** Presentation of the program before Jack's Albums at regular meetings was reshaped with no change in the sequence previously approved.

Discussed was having a laptop in operation at all regular meetings for showing programs to the live audience and Zoom participants.

Jack Urish was not in favor of changing the way his albums were distributed.

Members are encouraged to participate in the Moon Day celebration at the Air and Space Museum on July 24 at Love Field, with Stan Bartnikowski to contact Ray Cartier about setting up a DPCPS booth at the event.

Distribution of Chris Titus' club publicity flyer at other events was discussed.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to select an officer and director nominating committee at the September meeting and announce nominees at the October meeting.

Holiday dinner plans will be discussed during the next quarterly meeting.

Geoff Owens agreed to reword his proposed bylaws changes concerning lapsed memberships.

No action was taken on a proposal concerning member discounts on dues to encourage prompt payment thereof.

For the time being, membership reinstatements will not require a new application, as required by the bylaws. A revision of the bylaws is being considered to address this.

**Old Business:** No changes were made to the proposed membership recruitment letter.

No action was taken regarding family or junior membership dues or mutual fund investment alternatives.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY RICK HOSLER  
NEW MEMBERS

None	
<b>Membership June 23, 2021</b>	<b>40</b>
New Members	+0
<b>Membership, August 25, 2021</b>	<b>40</b>